

## Community Investments Request for Applications 06-02 (RFA)

The purpose of the Community Investments RFA is to engage community-focused agencies in effectively serving young children and their families in San Bernardino County.

Applications are being accepted for the following focus areas:  
**Health Care Access, Prenatal Care and Children with Special Needs.**

Application deadline: July 21, 2006 by 5:00 PM

Attendance at an RFA Workshop is **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED**.  
These workshops will be held from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM  
at the Clarion Hotel, 295 N. E. St. in San Bernardino on the following dates:

**June 1, 2006 — Health Care Access**  
**June 6, 2006 — Prenatal Care**  
**June 13, 2006 — Children with Special Needs**

To reserve a space, please call 909-386-7706 or 1-888-9FIRST5  
To obtain a copy of the application, go to [www.first5sanbernardino.org](http://www.first5sanbernardino.org)

### Availability of Funds

There is \$3 million annually for three years available for with a maximum request amount of \$100,000 per year, per agency. Applicants may apply for up to three years of funding for **one of the three application focus areas**: Health Care Access, Prenatal Care and Children with Special Needs. The intent of First 5 is that all programs awarded through this effort are implemented at the community level.

### Key Assumptions

We believe that the most successful applicant organizations will:

- Use a collaborative model to address community needs;
- Build on existing community resources;
- Demonstrate a strong community presence including specific connections within the community to be served;
- Use in-person communication whenever possible while working with and within communities;
- Offer a centralized location for information;
- Ensure awareness and education is offered in isolated areas;

- Demonstrate the ability to sustain program through leveraging of resources and community support;
- Use a proven service delivery model for success;
- Increase awareness of parents and communities of the importance of the first five (5) years of a child's life; and
- Include at least one of the following Community Engagement Outcomes in the program design:
  - Awareness of parents and communities of the importance of the first five (5) years;
  - Engagement of parents and communities with early child development activities;
  - Awareness and utilization by parents of available resources;
  - A sense of social support and belonging among parents;
  - The ability to provide culturally appropriate services to diverse communities; and
  - The ability to sustain operations through leveraging, resources, and support Coordination and integration with other service providers to benefit children and their parents.

Applicants that can demonstrate strong collaborative partnerships in their community will take priority over applicants operating with few or weak connections. Investment priority will be given to establishing new First 5 partnerships with agencies not currently receiving an investment.

For more information, please call First 5 San Bernardino at 1-888-9FIRST5 or go to [www.first5sanbernardino.org](http://www.first5sanbernardino.org).

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